Town of Cheswold
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State of Delaware

TOWN of CHESWOLD
MINUTES of PUBLIC HEARING
Monday – August 2, 2021
691 Main Street
Cheswold, Delaware 19936
5:00 p.m.
ZOOM Teleconference
1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 9728359352#
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9728359252

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Santo Faronea at 5:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

The Mayor noted that the meeting was properly posted on July 16, 2021 and the agenda properly posted on July 26, 2021.

The Mayor then requested the Town Administrative Clerk, Ms. Camryn Tunnell to complete a roll call of the Council. The following is the result of the roll call:

Mayor Santo Faronea- Present
Vice Mayor Michael Wysong- Present
Secretary/Treasurer Theon Callendar- Present
Councilperson Judith Johnson- Present
Councilperson Maxwell Amoako- Present
Councilperson Mark Moxley- Present

Ms. Tunnell presented a quorum of the Council to the Mayor.

There was no one else in attendance, in person or via ZOOM.

The Mayor requested the Council to review the agenda and either accept it or recommend changes. Vice Mayor, Michael Wysong made a motion to accept; Councilperson Maxwell Amoako seconded the motion. The motion was then subsequently passed by a unanimous roll call count of the Council.

Before providing a synopsis of the following Ordinances, the Town Secretary provided the reason for and conduct of Public Hearings.

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Town Secretary/Treasurer, Callender presented the following Ordinance for public comment:

a. Ordinance 07-20-10-006 Ordinance Establishing Business Licenses

Purpose: This Ordinance was enacted to establish fees, processes and requirements of obtaining a Business License within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheswold, associated with the building, addition, alteration and/or demolition of any building structure, or goods and services provided. And to additionally establish a fair and equitable method of licensing various business types operating within the Town in any given year.

Revision: Section 7 - General Standards of Conduct. Revised Section 7.1.4; inserted Section 7.1.5 to 7.1.7, to be consistent with other revised Ordinances of this Public Hearing.

b. Ordinance 07-20-10-007 Ordinance Establishing Building Permits

Purpose: This Ordinance was enacted to establish the process and requirements of obtaining a building permit and the most appropriate use of land associated with the specific details of the forms, fees, fines aligned with the building permit process. The overall Ordinance considers the physical growth, revitalization, preservation and development of the community.

Revision: Section 8 - General Standards of Conduct to be revised to insert Sections 8e -8h, to be consistent with other revised Ordinances of this Public Hearing.

c. Ordinance 04-08-13-014 Ordinance for Noise Control

Purpose: This Ordinance was enacted to protect, preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare, peace and quiet for the citizens of the Town of Cheswold through the reduction, control and prevention of noise. The intent of this Ordinance was to establish standards which will eliminate and reduce unnecessary noise which are physically harmful or otherwise detrimental to the enjoyment of life, property and maintenance of business.

Revision: Section 5.2.6 to be revised to add specific guidelines concerning construction notes. Revised Section 5.2.6.c and added Section s 5.2.6.d to Sections 5.2.6.f, to be consistent with other revised Ordinances of this Public Hearing.

Revision Content of Above Ordinances:

Construction shall not be permitted to occur before the hour of 7:00~a.m., and after the hour of 8:00~p.m., prevailing time, which requires outside lighting or which produces noise which would reasonably be expected to disturb any person in the neighborhood.

1. Construction shall not be permitted to occur on a Sunday, except for instances that are proven necessary for the welfare, health and safety of the public or is interior construction. (See 4 below)

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- 2. Construction shall not be permitted to occur on a legal holiday, except for instances that are proven necessary for the welfare, health and safety of the public or is interior construction. (See 4 below)
- 3. Interior construction shall be permitted on Sundays, and legal holidays, but it must cease by 7:00 p.m., except for instances that are proven necessary for the welfare, health and safety of the public, in which cases construction may continue until the issue has been deemed habitable.

d. <u>Ordinance 05-04-15-009</u> Ordinance for Residential Property Registration and Inspection

Purpose: It is the intent of the Town of Cheswold that landlords renting a residential property or properties, within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheswold provide and maintain public health, safety and welfare of renters, insofar as they are affected by the continued habitation of leased properties.

Revision: Remove Section 10 d - " Copy of Criminal Activity Lease Addendum signed by property owner and tenant.", as suggested by the Delaware State Housing Authority to avoid infringement of Federal Fair Housing Law.

e. <u>Ordinance 06-15-20-059</u> Revision of the Ordinance for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan

Purpose: To meet the requirements of Title 22 §702 of the Delaware Code. The requirements are designed to encourage the most appropriate uses of the physical and fiscal resources of the municipality and the coordination of municipal growth, development and infrastructure investment actions with those of other municipalities, counties and the State through a process of municipal planning.

Revision: The 2020 Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Cheswold will be revised to reflect the legislative changes suggested and required by the Office of State Planning Coordination and documented in Section of Ordinance #06-15-20-059. (Suggested changes and revisions attached)

The Mayor then opened the meeting for Public Comment. **There were none.**

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30pm, a motion was made by Councilperson Wysong to adjourn the Public Hearing. A second to the motion was made by Councilperson Judith Johnson and the vote carried with a unanimous vote.